

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare and say that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD OF INCREASING pH OF HIGH DENSITY BRINES
(194-23497-USCP),

the specification of which

[X] is attached hereto.

[] was filed on _____ as Application Serial No.

[X] and was amended as attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

NONE

Priority

Claimed

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(Number) (Country) (Day/Month/Year Filed) Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>60/305,036</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>07-11-2001</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Expired</u> (Status-Patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>10/192,023</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>07/10/2002</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status) (Patented, pending, abandoned)
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[] I hereby revoke all powers of attorney previously given.

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